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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) The Government have not taken any action on the directive referred to.

(b) Does not arise.

Homoeopathy

*120-C Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the State Government have received any communication from the Centre during the year 1956 with regard to the homoeopathic system of medicine;

(b) whether any amount has been allotted for starting Homoeopathic colleges; and

(c) whether post-graduate course in Homoeopathy is proposed to be introduced?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (a) A communication was received in 1955.

(b) & (c) No, Sir.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Sir, the Hon. the Minister has got a prejudice against homoeopaths. May I know whether the Government will constitute a committee to examine whether Homoeopathy can be recognized in this State?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: Homoeopathy is on the decline in all parts of the world except India. It is doubtful whether there are 500 practitioners of Homoeopathy in the United Kingdom or in the United States of America, while we are supposed to have about 300,000 practitioners in India.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI: In our own Indian Union, in Bengal and Bombay, there are colleges of Homoeopathy. Why not our Government try to have a Government College of Homoeopathy and recognize the homoeopathic system of medicine?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: We will be only creating confusion by having too many systems of medicine. We have got the modern scientific system of medicine and we have the indigenous system of medicine also. These are good enough for our purpose.

Fire accidents

*120-D Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of fire accidents (i) in the City and (ii) in the districts during summer from April 1956;

(b) the estimated loss; and

(c) how many persons were burnt to death?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :

	Madras City.	Mufassal.
(a)	91	793
(b)	Rs. 45,041	Rs. 10,87,391
(c)	1	8

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : கிராமங்களில் ஒருவராக்கொருவர் ஏற்படும் கோபதாபங்கள் காரணமாக தீ விபத்துகள் ஏற்படுகின்றன. குடிசைகளை இழந்தவர்களுக்கு ரூ. 30 கொடுப்பது அவர்களுக்கு போதவில்லை. மேலும், கிராமங்களில் தீ அணைக்கும் என்ஜின்கள் இல்லாத காரணத்தால் கஷ்டம் ஏற்படுகிறது. 60, 70 மைல்கள் சென்றால்தான் தீயணைக்கும் படையின் உதவி கிடைக்கிறது. ஆகவே, பல காலமாக சட்டசபையில் வற்புறுத்திவருவதுபோல, தாலுகா தலைமையிடங்களில் தீயணைக்கும் படை வைக்கவும், வீடு கட்டிக்கொள்ள 30 ரூபாயை அதிகப்படுத்தப்படுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This question is with reference to the number of fire accidents. But if the hon. Member, in view of the information given, wants more fire stations to be located all over the district—certainly that is the aim of the Government—we should have priorities with reference to this in the spending of the money. Now the target fixed is that every municipality should have a fire station. Afterwards, we will take up the taluk headquarters. Perhaps, later on, when we progress further and make further developments, we may have a fire station in every village.

Revision of Electoral Rolls

* 120-E *Q*.—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken up the annual revision of the electoral rolls in the City of Madras and in the State;

(*b*) whether fresh electoral rolls will be printed or whether amendments will be issued to the existing rolls; and

(*c*) when the preliminary list of amendments, prepared by the enumerators, will be printed and published as the draft electoral rolls?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Under a programme followed from 1952 onwards, intensive revision of the electoral rolls, that is, by house-to-house enquiries by enumerators, is done in approximately one-fifth area in each district by rotation so that the entire State is covered by intensive revision by 1956. In such of the intensive revision areas where the rolls have not been consolidated in a previous year, consolidated draft rolls are prepared for preliminary publication. In all the remaining areas only a list of amendments integrating therein the previous years' lists, if any, is prepared. In Madras City where the roll was consolidated and re-printed in 1955 only an integrated list of amendments has been prepared this year.